



Hagerstown Church Member Covenant

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious help, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will submit ourselves to the authority of Christ through His Word (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:16-21).

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ps 133:1; Eph 4:3; Phil 2:2-3).

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require (Rom 12:10; 15:14).

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others (Heb 10:24-25; Eph 6:18).

We will endeavor to bring up any that are under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and seek the salvation of our family and friends through God's Word and our Christ-like example (Matt 28:19-20; Eph 6:4; Col 1:28-29).

We will rejoice with each others' happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows (Rom 12:15; Gal 6:2).

We will seek, by God's grace, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life (Matt 28:19; Rom 6:4; Phil 2:12; 1 Thess 5:21-22; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 1:14-16).

We will work together for the furtherance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we practice its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. (Acts 2:41-47; Phil 1:27; 1 Thess 1:2-3; Jude 3)

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. (1 Cor 16:1-2; 2 Cor 8:1-3; 9:6-7; 1 Tim 5:17-18).

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (Heb 10:25).

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen (2 Cor 13:14).